## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of		
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Petition for Waiver of the	)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline	)	
by the	)	
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CEDAR GROVE SCHOOL	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
DISTRICT, BEN 122655	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

## Petition for Waiver of FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017 RE: FCC Form 471 # 171023621

June 6, 2017

Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Kindly accept this petition for waiver of the FCC Form 471 filing deadline for Funding Year 2017 submitted on behalf of the Cedar Grove School District, BEN 122655 (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner").

## I. Introduction & Summary

Petitioner is a K-12 public school district in Essex County, New Jersey. Its principal office located at 520 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009. Petitioner's school district consists of four schools and serves approximately 1600 pupils. Historically, Petitioner has participated successfully in the E-rate Program, leveraging available discounts to help defray expenses for eligible telecommunications services in order to better serve its pupil population.

Petitioner certified and submitted FCC Form 471# 171023621 on May 25, 2017, which was within 14 days of the Funding Year 2017 filing deadline. The delay stemmed from the fact that the school district's sole decision maker on internal connections equipment purchases was unavailable to render an award prior to the filing window closure. Once a decision had been made, Petitioner notified its E-rate consultant who linked the necessary contract to the appropriate Funding Request Numbers and certified FCC Form 471# 171023621 on May 25, 2017, a mere 14 days after the Funding Year 2017 filing deadline.

## II. Request

In light of the above circumstances, Petitioner respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline to allow its Out-of-Window submission of Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471# 171023621. The Commission has a longstanding practice of finding good cause to grant such waivers when the FCC Form 471 is filed within 14 days of the filing deadline, it serves the public interest, and there is no evidence of waste, fraud and abuse. All of these criteria are met in the instant matter.

If you have any questions in regard to this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Allen Shivers Library et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order and Order on Reconsideration, DA 14-1256, paras. 1, 3 & 4 (August 28, 2014) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline); Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Boston Renaissance School et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order and Order on Reconsideration, DA 14-250, paras. 1, 3 & 4 (February 24, 2014) (finding special circumstances existed to justify granting waiver requests "because each of those petitioners filed its applications within 14 days of the close of the filing window."); Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by A.C.E. Charter High School et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, DA 12-2057, paras. 2, 4 & 5 (December 28, 2012) (same); Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259-60, paras. 8 & 9 (2010) (same).